upon Mr Francis Bacon saith, * For the prerogative royal of the Prince, for my own part I ever allowed of it, and it is such as I hope shall never be discussed The Queen as she is our Sovereign hath both an enlarging and restraining power, for by her prerogative she may first set at liberty things restrained by statute law or otherwise, and secondly by her prerogative she may restrain things which be at liberty For the first, she may grant *non obstante* contrary to the penal laws, which truly tormy conscience '—and here he struck himself on the breast—[c] are as hateful to the subject as monopolies For the second if any man out of his own \\it, industry or endeavour finds out any-thing beneficial for the commonwealth, or bring in any new invention which every subject may use , yet in regard of his pains and travail therein, her Majesty is pleased to grant him a privilege to use the same only by himself or his deputies for a certain time This is one land of monopoly. Sometimes there is a glut of things when they be in excessive quantity, as perhaps of corn, and her Majesty gives licence of transportation to one man , this is another kind of monopoly * Then he went on to say that this complaint was no stranger to the House , all could not be done at once, nor was it possible since the last Parliament to repeal all [c] If her Majesty,' saith he, * make a patent, or as we term it a monopoly, unto any of her servants, that must go, and we cry out of it, but if she grant it to a number of bur-gesses or a corporation, that must stand, and that iorsooth is no monopoly I say, and I say again, that we ought not to deal, to judge or meddle with her Majesty's prerogative.' He would therefore have every man careful in this business

Next Dr Bennet spake of the great grievance of the monopoly of salts Fire and water are not more necessary But for other monopolies, of cards—at which word Sir Walter Ralegh blushed—dice, starch and the like, they are hurtful because monopolies, but there is a great difference in them

When certain others had spoken, Mr Francis Moore asked to what purpose is it to do anything by Act of Parliament, when the Queen will undo the same by her prerogative. There is no act of hers that hath been or is more derogatory to her own Majesty, more odious to the subject, more dangerous to the Commonwealth than the granting these monopolies